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Remarks/Arguments

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments.

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claim 7 is amended to correct an error in the March 28 amendment, to recite a method of preparing cis-cyclohexanepropanoic acid of <u>formula (6)</u>, rather than formula (11). Support for this amendment is found at the sentence bridging pages 5 and 6 of the specification, and also at step (g) of claim 7, which recites the final oxidation step to form a compound of formula (6).

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims 1-13 are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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